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❖ ARCATA COMMUNITY FOREST

1994 Arcata forest plan proves hard to update

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ARCATA – What's harder – wrangling millions of dollars in grants, acquiring vast tracts of valuable land with huge development potential to protect its natural values, engaging hundreds of community volunteers to spend their free time restoring distressed woodlands to create a world-renowned, sustainably managed redwood forest dedicated to nature, recreation and education, or revising a text file?

Evidently the latter, because the forest's guiding document, the 1994-vintage Forest Management Plan (FMP) has proven intractably resistant to revision, despite the best efforts of its City Hall overseers.

Over the past year, the Arcata Forest Management Committee (FMC) has striven to update the plan, but after multiple meetings and discussions, the plan remains all but unchanged.

FOREST ❖ A4



REAL OR NOT? The museum card for this artifact at the Trinidad Museum reads, "Believed to be a remnant of the cross erected June 11, 1775 by the Bruno de Hezeta expedition, which claimed the country for Spain and named it Puerto de la Trinidad."

PHOTO COURTESY TRINIDAD MUSEUM

Are cross pieces genuine or fake?

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EUREKA/TRINIDAD – Humboldt State University graduate student in applied anthropology and museum studies Alexandra Cox presents "The Trinidad Cross Remnants: Genuine or Fake?" at the Humboldt County Historical Society program meeting on Saturday, May 7 at 1 p.m., in the first-floor conference room of the Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

An artifact resides at the Trinidad Museum consisting of three individual wood pieces, highly degraded, that are believed to be the remnants

CROSS ❖ A4

Keeping safe from Zika, Ebola

County health staffers detail public protection work

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The work of the county's Public Health Division – including its role in preventing disease outbreaks – was highlighted at the April 12 Board of Supervisors meeting.

In a presentation that capped National Public Health Week, Susan Buckley,

the county's public health director, was joined by several county health staffers who she said do their work "without much fanfare until a disease event happens or there is increased risk of disease spread."

Eric Gordon, a county public health nurse for the county's Communicable Disease Surveillance and Control pro-

gram, told supervisors that local staffers work to track and limit the spread of diseases like Hepatitis C, sexually-transmitted diseases and E.Coli bacterial infection but are also "keeping our eyes open for any emerging threats" such as the Ebola virus.

County residents went to West Africa

HEALTH ❖ A4



BIRDING IN PARADISE Birders flocked to Humboldt County last week and through the weekend for Godwit Days. Top, birders at Megwil Point in the Trinidad area. Bottom right, after weighing and banding this Purple Finch (*Carpodacus purpureus*) Arthur Sanchez prepares to release it. Bottom middle, a Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) and, left, a Spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis*) at the Arcata Community Center.

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'Unprecedented response' to Godwit Days

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Last week's Godwit Days spring migration birdwatching festival rose to a new level of participation and included a field trip and keynote lecture by a famed bird guide author.

The festival's surge in popularity was described to the Board of Supervisors at its April 12 meeting. This year's event schedule began April 13 with birdwatching field trips in various areas of the county.

It continued through the weekend and included an April 16 birdwatching trip led by David Sibley, the author of what is considered to be the definitive field guide on North American bird species, *The Sibley Guide to Birds*.

Sibley also delivered the event's keynote lecture that night at the Arcata Community Center.

Rob Hewitt, one of the event's founders and lead organiz-

ers, described this year's festival as a milestone of its 21-year history.

"This year, there's been an unprecedented response," Hewitt said, noting Sibley's participation. He also noted the event's "many, many years of activity," which has built up a returning audience.

Hewitt reported that 450 people had registered to attend events at the festival as of April 12 and 500 were anticipated. "That's a two percent increase in Arcata's population on that weekend," he said.

Godwit Days is named for the marbled godwit, a migratory shorebird. According to the Godwit Days website, *godwitdays.org*, godwits are "in Humboldt Bay by the thousands, before they head off to their nesting grounds in the central U.S. and Canadian prairies."

Hewitt told supervisors that the festival's appeal extends

GODWIT ❖ A4



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Convicted priest murderer faces life in prison

Paul Mann
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EUREKA – Convicted murderer Gary Lee Bullock, 46, of Redway, faces life in prison without parole when he is sentenced May 11.

The maximum sentence follows from the fact that Bullock was found guilty on seven felony counts, including first degree murder, for the blunt-force killing of Father Eric Freed, 56, of St. Bernard Parish in Eureka on Jan. 1, 2014.

Under California Penal Code Section 187-199, Bullock, an habitual drug user, will receive the maximum penalty for capital murder because he bludgeoned the defenseless priest to death in the St. Bernard rectory while committing a series of other felonies, including torture, attempted arson, first degree burglary and carjacking.

Throughout the 27 months that led up to the start of his trial on March 18, Bullock sought to escape life in prison with a repeated plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. He would have been ordered to a mental institution instead had he won the alternative plea.

Statistically, the odds were strongly against him, however. The plea of not guilty by reason of insanity is rarely entered nationwide and scarcely ever successful.

Ironically, one of the reasons the case took more than two years to go to trial owed to repeated delays in the submission to the court of psychiatric findings, which would have been presented to the same jury in the trial’s second phase in a probable three days of testimony. The jury was tasked with determining the insanity matter in a separate decision, following the guilty verdict.

But that was aborted when Bullock, against the advice of his attorney, Kaleb Cockrum, abruptly withdrew his insanity plea on April 15, four days after his conviction by the jury of 10 women and two men.

Cockrum declined to disclose what led to the volte-face, saying the decision was solely his client’s. “We consulted about it and I support him in his decision,” Cockrum stated outside the courtroom afterward.

Prosecutor Andrew Isaac said, “The only person who knows [why he withdrew the insanity plea] is him [sic] and I wouldn’t believe it if I knew it.”

Not even Bullock’s mother and stepfather were aware of the turnabout, arriving at the courthouse Friday about 20 minutes after the jury had been dismissed in the wake of the unexpected turn of events. Both parents were absent from the courtroom when the surprise was announced by Superior Court Judge John T. Feeney.

“They never tell me anything!” Bullock’s mother exclaimed in an aggrieved tone when a reporter informed the couple as they moved through the courthouse metal detectors before heading to the second floor.

“Is the defense lawyer still up there?” she asked the reporter plaintively while gathering up her shoes after the security screening.

Judge Feeney asked Bullock if he had enough time to consider dropping his long-held insanity claim. “Plenty,” Bullock affirmed unequivocally.

Cockrum told the court on his client’s behalf that Bullock asked to be returned to his cell before the jury learned



Father Eric Freed

of his decision and Feeney granted the request.

The judge lifted the so-called “gag” or protective order, allowing jurors to speak with the press about how they had reached their guilty verdict on April 11.

One of the two male jurors called the deliberations “very interesting,” saying the 12 took a straw poll at the outset, to gauge the tenor of the talks.

The choice between first and second degree murder “took a little more time” on the second day of discussions, the juror told reporters.

“Nobody got mad at each other,” he added, although there were brief periods of frustration. “Then we’d take a little break” and that would resolve matters.

On the other hand, a female juror said there were “some heated moments.”

Several jurors congratulated Isaac, who was quick to discountenance the praise.

“Let’s face it, I had all the cards,” he said, praising Cockrum for making a maximum effort despite the compelling evidence against his client.

Jurors pressed Isaac just outside the courtroom on why he thought Bullock jettisoned his insanity plea at the last minute.

The deputy district attorney speculated that one influence might have been a family meeting with Bullock in November 2013, about a month and a half before the murder, when his stepfather, John Bruno, confronted him over his chronic drug abuse and encounters with the law.

“When is this going to stop?” Bruno testified at trial, recalling when he had pleaded with his stepson to turn his life around.

Controversy over Trinidad commissioner selection

Patrick Evans
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TRINIDAD – The Trinidad City Council on April 13 picked volunteer firefighter Laura Scott for the Trinidad Planning Commission, filling a vacancy created when Lisa Espejo stepped down last month.

Scott has been a firefighter with the Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department for two years and is a senior at Humboldt State University who is completing a bachelor’s degree in geography.

Scott was the only one of five applicants for the planning commission from the city; applicants Katherine Wayne, Charles Netzow, Karin Glinder and Andrew Hagan all live outside city limits, but in what is called the Trinidad area.

Pro tem Mayor Dwight Miller said the council had little choice in appointing Scott.

“We have one small little problem,” Miller said.

According to an ordinance, members of the planning commission must live within the Trinidad city limits, and only two members of the planning commission may be from outside the city if there are no acceptable applicants from within the city.

“Our hands are tied,” Miller said.

Scott would be the pick unless someone could bring up a compelling argument against appointing her, Miller said.

Trinidad resident Susan Rotwein told the council she opposed Scott’s appointment and said Scott’s previous involvement in the argument over vacation dwelling unit (VDU) regulations disqualified her as a candidate.

“I don’t think she can be an objective voice,” Rotwein said. “I think the VDU issue overshadows other qualifications.”

Scott has been active in the VDU debate and in January delivered a *change.org* petition with 56 signatures to the planning commission calling for the city to enforce the current municipal code’s regulation of vacation rentals rather than continue with its amendment process to the VDU ordinance.

Miller and council member Jim Baker questioned whether Scott had a conflict of interest as an outspoken opponent of the VDU ordinance and amendment process, but expressed belief that she would carry out her duties on the commission fairly.

Scott defended her ability to remain impartial to the council, and said that her work with the fire department speaks for her integrity.

“As an emergency responder my job is to be nonjudgmental,” Scott said.

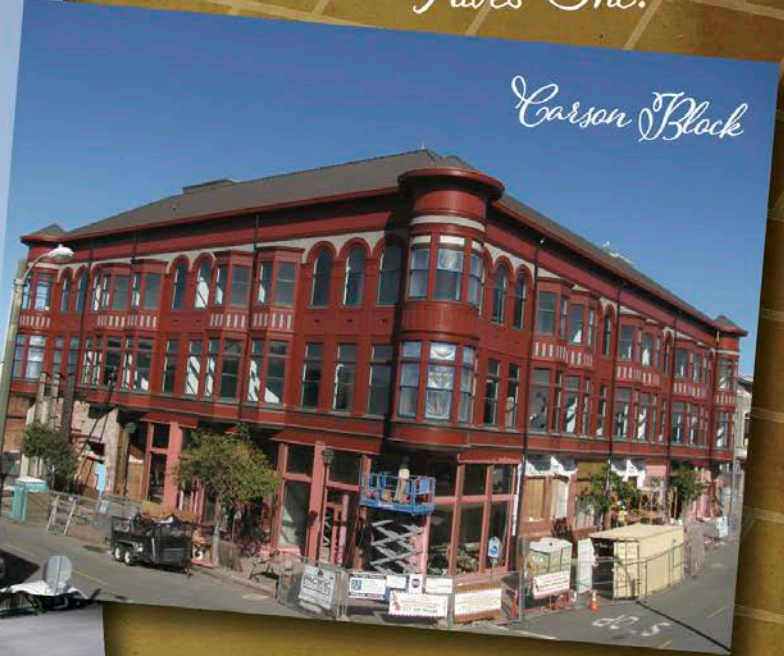
SUPER SCHOLARS Two students from McKinleyville have made the Scholastic Honor Roll for the winter term at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore. Lynn G. Herrick, who is studying computer science, received a straight-A average. Jonathan M. Merrill, who is also studying computer science, received a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

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❖ GREEN RUSH

Bills nods to ‘specialty’ growers

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – A State Assembly bill amends medical marijuana licensing types to include one that is especially relevant to Humboldt County – a “specialty cottage” license for cultivators who are considered “micro-farmers.”

Assembly Bill 2516, sponsored by North Coast Assemblymember Jim Wood, sets forth a variety of license types for medical marijuana cultivation, ranging from one-acre natural light outdoor grows to the recently-added specialty cottage license.

It applies to grows with up to 2,500 square feet of canopy that use a mix of natural and supplemental artificial light. Up to 25 outdoor plants would be allowed and the size threshold for indoor grows is 500 square feet.

The bill was passed by the Assembly Agriculture Committee last week and is now being considered by the Business and Professions Committee.

In an April 13 press release, Wood described the specialty license as “an important measure to support the small farm cannabis growers on the North Coast.” The bill itself builds on last year’s Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA), which Wood co-sponsored. But the MMRSA’s cultivation standards did not account for micro-farming. “It is

“So perhaps this recognition of small growers signals that someday, we might really have a viable industry”

– Robert Sutherland

not fair to require the small cannabis farmers to adhere to the same standards as larger operations,” Wood said in the release.

The new bill leaves it up to the California Department of Food and Agriculture to develop regulations for the various license types, including the specialty cottage license.

“Creating a new license for small cannabis farmers will help maximize the number of growers that come into compliance with the MMRSA regulations and sustain many of the farmers who have been in business for years,” said Wood.

Humboldt County’s recently-implemented commercial medical marijuana ordinance includes a similar permit category for small-scale, organic “artisanal” marijuana. It is modeled after the “Humboldt Heritage” permit proposed during hearings by Robert Sutherland of the Humboldt Mendocino Marijuana Advocacy Project (HUMMAP).

Asked for an opinion on Wood’s amendment, Sutherland said it is “moving in the right direction,”

but HUMMAP would like to see some of the proposed Humboldt Heritage elements – such as a requirement to reside on the property where medical marijuana is being grown and 100 percent natural lighting – included.

“It would be nice to have parallel programs – if we can work with both the county and the state to achieve uniformity, it bodes better in the long run,” Sutherland said.

He added that the MMRSA and other state-level bills overly accommodate “big dispensary owners with a lot of money wanting to make a lot more money” and displace small-scale growers. “So perhaps this recognition of small growers signals that someday, we might really have a viable industry,” Sutherland continued, although he added that allowing mixed lighting is a “vexing issue” due to off-grid use of generators.

AB 2516 is supported by the California Growers Association, which pushed for the language on having up to 25 outdoor plants allowed under a specialty cottage license.

Forest | Frustrations boil over at meeting

❖ FROM A1
Last week, frustrations boiled over at the FMC’s normally congenial monthly meeting, and there was a lot of blame to go around. Committee Chair Mike Furniss took responsibility, saying that he had “dropped the ball” in not properly managing the overhaul effort. But he also told Environmental Services Director Mark Andre that the committee “is not getting timely data products from staff” with which to reshape the plan.

“We haven’t done anything,” said Committeemember Jana Valachovic. “We changed it from WordPerfect to Word.” The last FMC meeting did see creation of an outline for the plan, but apart from minor technical tweaks, the actual natural resource management portion remains all but untouched, and is embarrassingly out of date.

So far, that hasn’t seemed to prevent the city from moving forward with acquisitions and innovations. Still, the current FMC doesn’t include the last two-plus decades’ additions to the Arcata Community Forest and Jacoby Creek Forest, nor their flora and fauna, nor does it acknowledge the many new regulations implemented over the past 22 years.

Though supposedly a “living document” used as the basis for managing a state-of-the-art, sustainably managed forest, the FMP has proven more of a zombie.

Reasons are many. The FMC meets just once a month, and online revision is limited by Brown Act rules preventing serial meetings. The citizen-members are all busy professionals with different professional roles and backgrounds – biology, forestry, hydrology, policy and more.

The FMC, which meets monthly at 7 a.m. on Thursdays, sometimes lacks a quorum. Staff liaison Andre, who is in charge of everything from Arcata’s recycling programs to the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary, sewage treatment, and much more, said that these days, he spends perhaps five percent of his time on forest matters.

So last week, rather than climb the FMP mountain, committeemembers luxuriated in their comfort zone – chewing over their theories of forest management.

With the 2016 harvest now in the works, discussed at length were tree selection, harvest methods and management philosophies. “Ecosystem management is driven by what you leave, not what you take,” Furniss said. “It shouldn’t be driven by money.”

Andre pushed back on the pure idealism just a touch, noting that the forest’s charter requires management that is balanced for multiple values. “Ecological, social, economic – you lose one, the whole thing crumbles,” he said.

As Furniss continued with his ruminations, frustrations boiled over when normally placid Committeemember Russ Forsburg blew up at him. “We hear a lot about what you believe, but we’re a committee,” Forsburg said. “Sitting here listening to you go on and on isn’t going to solve anything.”

“Alright, if you don’t care to hear my opinions ...” Furniss began to respond.

“Your opinions become dictates,” Forsburg shot back.

“I have strong feelings about it because I feel like we’re not saying what we’re doing,” Furniss said.

At that, the two spoke over each other

until Forsburg proposed a fresh start.

“We’ve gotten the point,” Forsburg said. “You’ve said that many times today, and over many committee meetings and we haven’t even gotten any traction on this plan. Let’s start at the beginning, and start going out and talking about where we see the forest going and try to articulate that.”

“That’s what I want to do,” Furniss said.

After some more argumentative back-and-forth, Forsburg said that while he appreciates the theoretical underpinnings of forest policy, the committee has to act pragmatically, whether it is philosophically perfect or not. “I want to go out and make something that makes sense for this community’s forest with how we perceive this community’s goals,” he said.

“We have to make sure that we’re flexible enough for the next generation of members and foresters to come in and take the work that we’ve done and move ahead.”

That will require balancing stringent ecosystem management with the recreational needs and “emotional values” of the community, all while harvesting a fraction of the annual growth so the forests pay for themselves. Basically, Forsburg summarized, “Don’t fuck it up. Go slow and leave enough options for the next group.”

So, in late May, the FMC will attempt to coordinate some field trips to the forest to evaluate last year’s harvest aftermath and set a course for the future via revision of the mouldering FMP.

Later, Andre said the frank FMC discussion was helpful, if cathartic. “I appreciate the conversation the committee had,” he said. A list of FMP amendments and other data have been compiled, and will be incorporated into the draft.

Bureaucracy notwithstanding, the Arcata Community Forest is moving ahead with expansions. The 58-acre Forsyth Property located east of Humboldt State is now on the market, and while the city hopes to acquire the 48 acres zoned for natural resources, funds for that have not been identified. Still, a key piece of that land is looking acquirable – a two-acre, triangle-shaped parcel on the east side.

That piece will cost \$40,000 to \$50,000, and is within financial reach, though Andre reaffirmed the importance of donations to the Humboldt Area Foundation-managed Arcata Forest Fund. Its acquisition will also give the landowner some ready cash, and create breathing room for the city to raise the estimated \$1 million needed for the remaining 46 acres. At this point, just \$400,000 is available.

The “wedge” will link presently disconnected forest roads, allowing improved access for management of the forest.

Meanwhile, the 20-acre, \$245,000 Lima property near HSU will become city property in the next month or so.

Also, at long last, the 332-acre Sunny Brae Tract as well as the two-acre Humphry property which will link the north and south segments of the Arcata Ridge Trail at Fickle Hill Road are about to be annexed into the City of Arcata. That will give Arcata Police jurisdiction in the Sunny Brae Tract, and allow enforcement of the Arcata Municipal Code there.

The annexation could be finalized at any moment by the State Board of Equalization. “We’re just waiting to hear,” Andre said.

Cross | Getting to the truth of the artifact

❖ FROM A1
of the original wooden cross that was erected by a Spanish expedition in 1775 on what we now call Trinidad Head.

Last year, Alexandra Cox came across this artifact while working as an intern at the Trinidad Museum.

“I was immediately intrigued by the mystery and possible historical significance of the artifact,” she wrote, “and so took it upon my self to authenticate the object.”

In her PowerPoint presentation, Cox will discuss the methods employed to determine the truth about this artifact, including physical analysis and ethnohistorical research.

The physical analysis comprised den-

drochronology, or tree ring dating, and an analysis of the nails in the wood.

The ethnohistoric research included investigating all documented sightings of the original cross between 1775 and 1913, when the Eureka Woman’s Club erected a new granite cross at the site, as well as tracing the history of the artifact itself and establishing the precise path it took in getting to the Trinidad Museum.

Join Cox as she reveals the fascinating results of this research and scientific analyses, and addresses the great question of the wooden remnants: are they genuine or fake?

For more information contact the Humboldt County Historical Society at (707) 445-4342, or visit humboldthistory.org.

Health | Restaurant health problems detailed

❖ FROM A1
to assist with dealing with the outbreak there, Gordon said, and underwent 21-day daily monitoring programs when they returned home. None were found to have been infected, he continued.

Another health threat is the mosquito-borne Zika virus, which Gordon said is spread by two species of mosquito that have not been seen in Humboldt County. But the virus is one of several that are becoming prevalent as climate change intensifies, he continued.

“These mosquitos live in a tropical and sub-tropical region and as the world gets warmer, these regions are starting to expand,” Gordon said, adding that the Zika-prone mosquito species have been seen “in a number of California counties.”

He also said that distant-ly-based diseases can hit home because exposure to them is “only a plane ride or two away.”

Humboldt residents who have travelled to Mexico or areas south of it have been tested for Zika. Gordon said Zika and Ebola “highlight the importance of having a communicable disease program just so that we’re always looking for and prepared for any emerging threats that might be coming.”

Consumer protection is a related public health responsibility and Amanda Ruddy of the county’s Environmental Health Division highlighted the importance of inspecting restaurants, piercing and tattoo studios, public pools and other public facilities.

She gave a recent example of

how an inspection warded off a potential public health hazard, saying she received several phone calls from residents who had fallen ill after eating at a local restaurant.

Consumer Protection staff worked with communicable disease staff and inspected the restaurant, successfully identifying the cause of the disease spread.

“It turns out that management and an employee came back a bit too early from being ill and that allowed the disease to proliferate in the facility,” said Ruddy.

The restaurant’s management voluntarily closed it, cleaned it, re-trained employees on disease-prevention protocols and modified ill employee procedures.

“All in all, that was a huge success – we were able to stop the po-

tential outbreak that could have been coming and to get the facility back in line, with their cooperation,” Ruddy told supervisors.

In another instance, an inspection revealed that a local fast food franchise’s automated burger cooker was heating hamburgers four degrees below a safety threshold, she said.

Ruddy seconded Gordon’s comments on climate change and said the geographic range of viruses is expanding and “we need to be aware of trending diseases.”

Thirteen programs are administrated under Humboldt’s Healthy Communities Division. Dana Murguia, its senior program manager, said preventing nicotine addiction is an important step in improving community health.

Dr. Jay McCubbrey, a health education specialist for Tobacco-Free Humboldt, said smoking rates in California have declined from about 25 percent in the early

1990s to about 11 percent today.

He described some of the county’s recent strides in establishing smoke-free zones, including Humboldt State’s designation as a “smoke-free campus” and Arcata’s smoke-free policies and ordinances.

McCubbrey said Tobacco-Free Humboldt is also working with anti-smoking advocates to “develop policies” in unincorporated county areas, including McKinleyville.

National Public Health Week was built around the theme of improving America’s health care to the point where it will be the “healthiest nation” by 2030.

But Buckley told supervisors that a lot of work will have to be done to get there. She said that U.S. life expectancy ranks at number 34 among other industrialized nations “despite big investments in health care.”

She added, “We can do better.”

Godwit | ‘We’re going to the next level’

❖ FROM A1
beyond birdwatchers and includes public events held at the Arcata Community Center.

“So there’s the hardcore, serious bird watchers but we also address the general public significantly,” he said, adding that 900 entries emerged from a children’s art program.

“That means 900 children drew a bird this year for Godwit Days, through their classes and their teachers who helped out,”

Hewitt continued.

The artworks were on display at the community center and Hewitt highlighted the festival’s spectrum of inclusion, from children to experienced birders.

Recalling that the very first Godwit Days festival drew a modest audience of 40 people at Arcata City Hall, Hewitt said this year’s level of popularity is “something we’ve been trying to shoot for for a very long time.”

He added that Godwit Days has future

growth potential and “can continue to make us a top-flight USA festival – this is it, we are going to the next level.”

Godwit Days included field trips to a variety of bird habitats. Board Chair Mark Lovelace noted Humboldt’s increasing recognition as a birdwatching mecca.

“Clearly, this is a really big draw for a lot of people – when we look at things that bring people to Humboldt County, this is a powerful one,” he said.

Hewitt credited Humboldt State University Emeritus Professor Stan Harris with promoting birdwatching through training many birders. The result, he continued,

is that “our little Humboldt County finds great birds,” even when compared to geographically larger areas.

Lovelace mentioned last January’s rare appearance of a great gray owl near Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park and Hewitt said he “pretty much took that as a sign” of this year’s Godwit Days ascendance.

Supervisors approved a proclamation in honor of Godwit Days encouraging residents to participate in it and “to welcome our birding visitors to the Pacific North Coast in all ways that will inspire them to migrate back just as the birds have been doing for centuries.”

PUBLIC SAFETY

HONORED BY ELKS Eureka Elks Lodge, Number 652 honored six outstanding law enforcement officers at the 42nd annual Law Enforcement Officers' Appreciation Night held April 14. More than 200 were in attendance, including law enforcement officers and their guests. Also in attendance were lodge members and officers as well as friends and family from within the community. Receiving awards were Officer James "Andy" Martin III of the Humboldt State University Police Department; Officer Evan Beechal of the Fortuna Police Department; Officer Steve Curtis of the California Highway Patrol; Officer Chandler Biard of the Humboldt Drug Task Force; Officer Robert Widenman of the Ferndale Police Department; Detective Alan Aubuelton of the Eureka Police Department, and Officer Matthew O'Donovan of the Arcata Police Department. From left, Brad Smith, Elks DDGER; Sherie Bialous, Elks PER; Jennifer Cory, Elks Leading Knight; Robert Widenman, Ferndale Police Dept.; Evan Beechal, Fortuna Police Dept.; Alan Aubuelton, Eureka Police Dept.; Chandler Biard, Humboldt Drug Task Force; Steve Curtis, California Highway Patrol; James "Andy" Martin III, HSU Police Dept.; Kurt Bialous, Elks ER; and Matthew O'Donovan, Arcata Police Dept.



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The ever-vexing cocktail consumption, cabbie, cop conundrum

• **Sunday, April 3 10:55 p.m.** A man who had been warned away from a Plaza bar returned to stand out front, creating a disturbance and, even worse, rapping.

• **Monday, April 4 8:10 a.m.** So blissful were a man's slumbers inside a downtown donut shop that he refused to get up and go. Police provided a professional wake-up call and trespass warning.

• **9:02 a.m.** A camper on the porch of an ice cream shop just down the alley from donutville also got the well-practiced trespassing recitation.

• **9:39 a.m.** The suddenly popular torpor movement came to include an I Street burger bar, where a man with no hat slumped unconscious in the seat of his "beat up" vehicle parked at the entrance. He too was moved along.

• **12:14 p.m.** A man all asnooze under a tree next to a Valley West cannabis clinic declined to interrupt his unsightly idyll to move on with his life.

• **4:17 p.m.** Brazen hammock campers climbed the trees off drama-wracked East 13th Street to affix their sleeping devices, refusing to come down.



• **8:42 p.m.** A brown-jacketed woman flicked a cigarette at a fellow outside a Plaza bar, then went back to her drinking.

• **Tuesday, April 5 12:07 a.m.** A Samoa Boulevard apartment thundered with all manner of worrisome noises – moving furniture, wall-pounding and a child screaming.

• **2:03 a.m.** A man with limited command of English staked out an unsustainable position, both figuratively and literally, by plunking his person down in the lobby of a Plaza hotel and refusing to leave.

• **2:48 p.m.** A self-described "snitch" claimed he was being followed by "gang members" just down the street from the police station. But he couldn't describe his stalkers or their supposed vehicles.

• **3:02 p.m.** A black Norwegian Forest Cat with a white patch on its chest and four white "socks" went missing.

• **3:12 p.m.** A man whose car had been cited for a parking violation on 10th Street explained that he had only been there 20 minutes, and the car had rolled forward four spaces on its own into the vio-

zone.

• **3:49 p.m.** A man sold mystery meat out of a truck parked at a Valley West gas station.

• **4:23 p.m.** A man visited his unwanted sexual aggressions on a Spear Avenue woman, refusing to let her call police. But she went outside to sit on the porch and did so anyway.

• **5:12 p.m.** A man in a Stewart Ave. tree Played drums with arboreal glee The branch-borne percussion Set one neighbor fussin' When cops came, the tree was noise-free

• **5:26 p.m.** A pig made a break for it and trotted as far as 17th and Q before being detained by humans. They held the oinking overachiever down at the side of the road as police were called.

• **6:39 p.m.** A woman in blue jeans, red shirt and camouflage jacket with a guitar on her back ripped off some previously loved items from a 10th Street thrift shop, then headed for the nearby railroad tracks.

• **6:46 p.m.** A woman in a white skirt, camouflage shirt and light-colored hoodie carried a white sweater as she jumped out of an F Street resident's car. A neighbor looked on in puzzlement

as she went up to a house, licked a side wall, then wandered away toward Uniontown.

• **8:45 p.m.** The inadvisability of leaving one's wallet inside an unlocked car on Airstream Avenue has been scientifically verified via an unintended field experiment.

• **9:45 p.m.** A woman called for help with her daughter, who was coming down off an LSD excursion.

• **10:43 p.m.** A man called police to complain that there aren't enough cab companies in Arcata. On top of that, they're slow in coming while police are quick to arrest people for DUI, so how fair is that? Given that police are unlikely to slow their DUI responses, he was advised to direct his complaints to the cab companies.

• **11:12 p.m.** A woman left her purse, phone and a battery in a car behind a Valley West fast foodery, and it all disappeared into the grimy paws of an opportunivore.

• **Wednesday, April 6 12:41 a.m.** A woman in Minnie Mouse pajamas wandered in and out of a Valley West motel, seeming confused. She said she had been dropped off there, but didn't really know where she was.

• **10:14 a.m.** The cannabis clinic

camper who had been sleeping there off and on for two weeks made a return appearance.

• **10:35 a.m.** A man outside a G Street Chinese restaurant was warned after a vigorous argument with a dumpster.

• **11:15 a.m.** The owner of a billboard on South G Street at the freeway complained of campers repeatedly stealing the straps off his roadside sign. It happened again the previous night, with the loss estimated at \$100.

• **12:27 p.m.** A high school pupil punched someone in the nose, causing it to swell. The lad was swiftly suspended from school.

• **12:44 p.m.** A mighty urban commando in bandana, tank top and cargo pants shot at cats with some kind of gun at Rotary Park.

• **Thursday, April 7 12:04 a.m.** An unkempt man in camouflage clothing on Tavern Row took out his abundant frustrations on helpless street signs. When police arrived, Scruffy McCamo was all gone.

• **11:41 a.m.** A man in what could be considered an alternative form of camo – yellow and orange clothes, with a turban – proved to be an equal opportunity fustpot as he yelled at passersby and himself at Eighth and F streets.

Scrappy saved from starvation

• **Wednesday, April 6 12:04 p.m.** Brian Taylor was spotted by an officer walking against traffic in the roadway on Central Avenue in McKinleyville. Taylor was whooping it up and swinging his T-shirt over his head. When asked by a deputy what he was doing, Taylor explained that he had just gotten out of jail, drank a whole bottle of whiskey and was "partying like a rock star." When asked if he had consumed any drugs, Taylor said he hadn't, but sure as hell would if he could find some. The deputy didn't think that Taylor possessed a responsible plan for self care. Taylor also didn't know anyone in McKinleyville who he could stay with, so he was taken to the drunk tank in Eureka to sober up.

• **2:27 p.m.** At a casino in Blue Lake, a person asked Roy Contreras to pay back the money he owed. Contreras became angry and allegedly pushed the lender with both hands. An investigation continues.

• **Thursday, April 7 10:35 a.m.** Humboldt County Animal Control, part of the Sheriff's Office, received a report of a dog named Scrappy on Peninsula Drive in Manila who was not being cared for and had no food or water. The person who reported the animal neglect said that another dog had already died and was buried on the property. An Animal Control officer responded to the home of Terry Gruetzmacher, who was not there, and looked through the fence. The officer saw Scrappy, who was so thin that outlines of its rib and pelvic bones were visible. The officer couldn't see any food or water available for the dog. The officer threw some food through the fence and posted a notice declaring that the dog would be impounded. A couple of days later, an officer responded to the residence and found that Scrappy had gotten out of the yard, thank goodness. The dog was impounded as a stray. Scrappy was seen by a vet and determined to be too thin for a dog of that size. The investigation continues.

• **Sunday, April 10 11:55 a.m.** Scott Crane was found living in a vehicle that



doesn't belong to him in an apartment complex on Sutter Road in McKinleyville. He was previously told by law enforcement to not sleep in the car, which he doesn't have permission to use. When Crane was spotted by the apartment manager living in the car, deputies were summoned. Crane was arrested on suspicion of trespassing and tampering with a vehicle and booked into the county jail.

• **2:40 p.m.** Near Central Avenue and Anna Sparks Way in McKinleyville, Daryl Durham was found urinating on himself. He was booked into the county jail on suspicion of public intoxication and violating probation.

• **9:04 p.m.** Over on Darin Drive in Manila, a man wielding a shovel bashed out a car's windows and yelled that he was going to kill someone. Deputies arrested the combative man, who had to be hobbled. The mystery man, whose identity was unknown as of last week, was booked into the county jail on suspicion of disorderly conduct and vandalism.

• **Monday, April 11 1:40 p.m.** A deputy responded to the 1300 block of Holly Drive in McKinleyville and dispatched a rabid skunk.

• **Tuesday, April 12 12:22 a.m.** A female went to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata with a possibly broken nose. Deputies were summoned out of concern that the injury was sustained during a domestic violence incident. The woman adamantly denied that this was the case. She said that she and her father tried to take keys away from her drunk husband who wanted to drive his truck. The injury, the woman said, was not intentional, just an accident.

• **8:27 p.m.** An employee at McKinleyville High School came to work and discovered that someone had broken into the Building Trades classroom, attempted to pry open the door to the Auto & Metal Shop, then climbed up on the roof and inflicted major damage to the heating and air conditioning system, as well as vents.

McK man suspect in robbery

MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – A McKinleyville man was arrested on suspicion of armed robbery, and a Eureka man was arrested for allegedly being in possession of drugs and a loaded gun last week in Eureka.

On Wednesday, April 13, a deputy on patrol on Russ Street near Dolbeer Street in Eureka located a parked 2001 Chevy Impala that had been reported stolen from Fortuna. The vehicle was unoccupied, but two men were walking away from the Chevy. A deputy detained the men, who were identified as 27-year-old Andrew Arthur Barns from McKinleyville and 25-year-old Michael Sherman Stockoff from Eureka. Additional deputies arrived and the two were searched.

When Stockoff was searched, deputies found a loaded .45 caliber handgun in his waistband. They also discovered several small bags of suspected narcotics. Stockoff had three separate misdemeanor warrants



Andrew Barns



Michael Stockoff

for his arrest.

When Barns was questioned, at first he provided a false name. Upon further investigation, deputies discovered Barns' real name and found that he had an arrest warrant from State Parole and was wanted for a recent armed robbery in Fortuna. Both suspects were transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

Stockoff was booked on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a fire arm, carrying a loaded firearm in public and for possession of meth. He was also booked on his three warrants, one of which prevents him from getting out on bail.

Barns was booked for a state parole violation, suspicion of armed robbery and providing a false name to law enforcement.

The stolen vehicle was towed so it could be returned to its owner. The theft of the car is still being investigated by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and Fortuna Police Department.

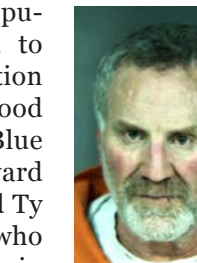
House destroyed in suspected arson

MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE – A Blue Lake man with a history of mental health problems was arrested early Tuesday morning, April 12 for allegedly burning down his own house.

The Blue Lake Fire Department, with the assistance of the Fieldbrook Fire Department and Arcata Fire District, responded to the 300 block of Blue Lake Boulevard at about 1 a.m. for a report of a house fully engulfed in fire.

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Ty Allison

Sheriff's deputy responded to the intersection of Greenwood Road and Blue Lake Boulevard and contacted Ty Allison, 61, who was standing in front of his burning residence.

"Allison told the deputy he started the fire to watch it burn," stated a press release from the Sheriff's Office. "The Sheriff's Office has had prior contacts with Allison at the residence related to mental

health issues."

Allison was arrested on suspicion of arson and booked into the county jail. His bail was set at \$250,000.

The deputy contacted family members of Allison and determined that no one was injured or inside of the residence when he started the fire.

Anyone with information about the case is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office.

\$7.5 million awarded to dredge bay entry

Dangerous shoaling created hazard

HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION & CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HUMBOLDT BAY – The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District announced last week that help is coming in response to unusually heavy winter shoaling that has nearly closed the entrance and channels of Humboldt Bay.

Humboldt Bay Harbor District Commission President Patrick Higgins said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has allocated \$7.5 million for Humboldt Bay dredging.

This represents an additional \$5 million over the amount budgeted for annual dredging, the corps' Peter Mull told district officials April 13.

"The cavalry is on their way," said Mull, responding to "the deterioration of conditions at the mouth of the harbor." The corps' dredge Essayons will arrive to start clearing the bay entrance by May 10, Mull said.

The extra funding comes at the urging of Second District Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) in response to the extreme danger to Humboldt Bay shipping and navigation, including potential loss of life, posed by heavy silting at the entrance to the bay.

"We have been working closely with Congressman Huffman and the Army Corps of Engineers to respond as quickly as conditions will permit to reopen the bay entrance," Higgins said. "We are very grateful to our friends at the corps for this additional funding

to respond to extraordinary shoaling this year."

Huffman applauded the corps' quick response. "I have recognized the need for dredging the entrance of Humboldt Bay since I took office, and I have regularly pressed for the necessary funding to get it done," Huffman said April 13. "The safety and viability of commercial and recreational traffic is the highest priority, and I thank the Army Corps for their efforts to respond to the recent shoaling problem."

Mull told Humboldt Bay Harbor District officials that the Essayons is currently on a dredging operation in Hawaii, but will head to Humboldt when that project is completed.

Essayons will begin dredging around May 10 for 25 days, Mull said, with a second dredge, Bayport, arriving in June to supplement Essayons' work on the bar and interior channels.

Higgins, who is a fisheries biologist, said heavy El Niño storm runoff has flushed huge amounts of sediment into the ocean off the mouth of the Eel River. The sediment flows north on the coastal current, with as much as 20 feet of new shoal settling in the mouth of Humboldt Bay between the jetties.

"The river and near-shore northward littoral drift are like a giant conveyor belt, and whenever we have heavy rains this problem will recur," Higgins said.

Higgins said he hopes that the extra funding will also allow repair of the North Jetty walkway, a popular spot with beachgoers. Improvements there would help reduce risk to people walking along the bay entrance.



Patrick Higgins

HSU student honored by White House

HUMBOLDT STATE – The White House honored a Humboldt State student April 14 for her efforts to prevent sexual assault, dating violence and stalking at colleges through a grassroots campus organization.

CHECK IT Peer Educator Celene Lopez (Class of 2017 Psychology) was among 10 recipients of the It's On Us White House Champion of Change award, which recognizes outstanding student leaders in the movement to end sexual violence in colleges.

Other winners included students from Boston University, University of Denver, University of Miami, Grand Valley State, Virginia Tech, Northern Colorado University, Howard University, West Point Military Academy and UC San Diego.

"CHECK IT is a big team effort," said Lopez. "There's no way to do a

movement like this without the help of students across campus. I get to represent the work that so many students have done. This award is really for everybody."

Vice President Joe Biden lauded the recipients at a White House Champions of Change event. He said of Lopez, "She had the courage to ask some really tough questions to change the conversation on her campus about what constitutes consent."

Lopez' passion for sexual violence prevention began at a Take Back the Night campus event two years ago.

"Learning about the prevalence of sexual violence hugely impacted me, and I knew that if I can do something about this, I have to," said Lopez. "I put the time and effort into CHECK IT because people deserve to live in



Celene Lopez

communities that are safe."

Moved by the experience, she attended the CHECK IT launch party that year. Since then, Lopez has done everything from conducting bystander intervention workshops and outreach and designing CHECK IT materials, to supporting the work of volunteers.

"Celene's incredible compassion, creativity, and energy working towards creating more consent centered and accountable communities is an inspiration to many," said CHECK IT Prevention Coordinator Mary Sue Savage (Class of 2012, Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies). "This award is definitely the embodiment of everyone's amazing work on campus and it's exciting to have the opportunity to share about CHECK IT."

NEW IN MCKINLEYVILLE Recently, local businesses, the community, McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce board members and ambassadors joined Shari Martinsen, owner of Funk Shui, for a ribbon-cutting celebration at her new location at 1537 City Center Rd. in the McKinleyville Shopping Center. Martinsen says that Funk Shui carries a little bit of everything from furniture and home décor to unique jewelry, art and gifts. Funk Shui is also celebrating its sixth birthday, marking six years serving the community. For more information about the chamber, call Heather Viña at (707) 839-2449 or visit mckinleyvillechamber.com.

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❖ YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Lemonade Day workshop Saturday in Mck

LEMONADE DAY PROGRAM

MACK TOWN – The McKinleyville Family Resource Center hosts a Humboldt Lemonade Day workshop on Saturday, April 23 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the McKinleyville Family Resource Center, 1450 Hiller Rd.

Children and their caregivers/mentors are invited to attend. Participants will have an opportunity to register for Lemonade Day, receive their free Lemonade Day backpacks and workbooks as well as learn about various aspects of operating a lemonade stand on Lemonade Day.

The workshop, titled "Learning with Lemonade, Sweet Lessons about Starting Your First Business," will al-

low participants to develop a product by experimenting with recipes, learn about counting money and customer service and create marketing materials to promote their stands.

2016 Humboldt Lemonade Day is Saturday, June 4 and helps local youth learn how to start, own and operate their own business using a lemonade stand.

Participants also have an opportunity to learn important job skills such as money management, customer service and more.

Lemonade Day is recognized nationally and presented locally by the Arcata Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) and Decade of Dif-

ference with additional support from local sponsors.

To attend the workshop, please register by calling Robin at (707) 840-0905.

For more information, visit humboldt.lemonadeday.org or contact Susan Seaman at (707) 798-6132 or susans@aedc1.org.

The McKinleyville Women's Club met Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the home of Mrs. Gene Pickett ... reports Mrs. L. Aitken, publicity chair. A demonstration of how to make apple strudel was given by Mrs. Pete Petrovich, mother of Mrs. Harry Blake, newly elected president of the local Women's Club.

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OPINION

An urgent call to action

(The following is an open letter to the Board of Supervisors from the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission. – Ed)
Dear Supervisor Mark Lovelace and Members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission (HRC) is charged with promoting tolerance and mutual respect between all persons, and promoting positive human relationships for the purpose of ensuring public peace, health, safety and the general welfare.

The Commission believes that the situation concerning the planned displacement of homeless people in Eureka is a human rights issue. The Commission recognizes that its responsibility is to make recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors regarding all human rights issues. However, the Commission advises that the Board fulfill the following requests immediately. The Commission urges you to:

- Declare an emergency Shelter Crisis;
- Collaborate with the City of Eureka to resolve this crisis;
- Stop the expulsion of people from the Palco Marsh, which puts them and others into a more dangerous and disruptive situation.
- Invoke a higher authority if necessary;
- Designate areas in the county for homeless/houseless people to live in a legal, safe and healthy place until such time as the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan is fully implemented and permanent housing is available;
- Encourage the city to designate long-term legal, safe living places to be available for homeless/houseless people until such time as the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan is fully implemented and permanent housing is available;

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- Encourage the respectful treatment and decriminalization of all homeless/houseless people in Humboldt County.

Those living in the marsh are experiencing an inability to obtain shelter and their health and safety is threatened. The majority of them have disabilities. Many have dual disabilities. The Commission continues to urge the Board of Supervisors to take action immediately and follow through with all items the Commission has recommended above. It is time to take action and to stop ignoring the Commission's recommendations regarding a Shelter Crisis and to move forward with community partners on affordable, safe, legal alternatives, such as sanctuary camps, safe parking programs and more for the large numbers of homeless in Humboldt. The lack of leadership on issues of homelessness and housing now has resulted in great harm to those most in need among your constituents.

Sincerely,

Nezzie Wade, HRC Chairperson
On Behalf of the **Humboldt County**
Human Rights Commission

Cloney's leads the way

I want to thank Cloney's Pharmacies for stepping up to the plate with their new disposal bins for unwanted pharmaceuticals. We finally have a safe and easy way to discard prescription and over-the-counter drugs that are expired or no longer needed.

We know that flushing medications down the toilet, or simply throwing them in the garbage, leads to drug contamination of our groundwater, rivers, and, eventually, into our drinking water. As a result, identifiable traces of pharmaceutical drugs have

been found in the drinking water supplies of millions of Americans, including measurable amounts of antibiotics, synthetic hormones, and narcotics.

I believe that all pharmacies should be responsible for providing drop boxes for their customers to safely dispose of unwanted medications ...but, as far as I know, Cloney's Pharmacies are the only ones to follow through and do the right thing. Thank you!

Teri Huber-Bundros
Fieldbrook

Athletes who inspire

Just a few days ago, I spent several hours watching scores of student-athletes giving their all during the H-DN League #2 track meet in Crescent City. Scores of young men and women from 13 high schools located all along the coast from Miranda to Brookings displayed their marvelous skills in jumping, hurdling, pole vaulting, running, throwing the discus and putting the shot. Their agility and strength was most impressive.

Only they know how much energy, perseverance, and self-discipline is required in the mastery of these skills. Unlike so many team sports participants, these young athletes are not rewarded by grandstands overflowing with cheering fans. Instead, they find their rewards in watching their own personal records and in knowing that they are contributing to their teams overall record.

I was totally inspired that day by their show of energy, tremendous focus and good sportsmanship. Often, the last place runner in a long grueling event was cheered on by the members of another school's team. What fine qualities to see displayed by our young people.

I so admire these young athletes. They

give me real hope for the future.

Bernardine Hansell
Eureka

Endorsement not a vote

I will not be publishing a list of endorsements. There are other things I need spend my limited resources on. Plus, I do not feel comfortable asking supporters to endorse me. Obviously I want their votes. But unlike my Opponent, I am not a trophy hunter and do not base my qualifications on the number of people I can entice to be named as endorsing me...and we all know that an endorsement is not a vote.

Of greater importance to me, however, is that asking for endorsements sets up false expectations and those not on an endorsement list often feel shut out.

My supporters know that the only promise I make to the residents of District Three is that I will stay connected with them and informed about our particular needs and issues. A vote for me is a vote for someone who will do his best to independently represent our District's interests.

Uri Driscoll
Arcata

❖ Sign your letter to the Mad River Union with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification. Try and keep your letter to 300 words or so, maybe 500 max. E-mail letters to opinion@madriverunion.com.

BAM! There's suddenly shelter going into Old Town

For the first time in years, the poorest among us have news to smile about. Passage of a California law raising the minimum wage in stages to \$15 an hour by 2022 is a huge boost. It provides real hope that in five years or so, minimum wage workers might crawl significantly closer to being able to support themselves.

Of course, the \$15 mark is what it would cost right now in many parts of the state, and costs will continue to rise, but it's a start. Most important, it's an open acknowledgment that workers should earn enough to live on. That's a big breakthrough, after decades of "let them eat cake" attitudes from public officials and business leaders.

I know it is going to be tough for small businesses to increase wages, but everything is hard for them. I've said before, there are better ways to help them than holding down the minimum wage, which impoverishes millions and enriches the stockholders of mammoth corporations such as Walmart. Companies with fewer than 25 employees will have an extra year to comply, and if the economy tanks again, the governor will be able to postpone a scheduled increase.

Family leave administered through the California Employment Development Department will be replacing a greater portion of lost wages for workers who take time off to care for a family member. In 2018, the payment will change from 55 to 60 percent,

and the lowest paid workers will receive 70 percent.

That's still not enough to get by, but it's a step in the right direction. Many workers have no other paid time off at all, so they can't afford to take even a day off, no matter how bad the circumstances. Best of all, no business has any complaint to make, because the benefit is funded entirely by worker contributions.

California women can now obtain the most effective prescription contraceptives without a doctor visit. Poor working women have trouble scheduling and paying for an office visit; now they will be able to consult with a pharmacist to be screened for potential problems. Pharmacies are open longer hours, increasing access.

Hormonal contraceptives, including the birth control pill, do have some risks, so a brief screening is in order, but the expense of an office visit is unnecessary. The major opponents of the change are the same old complainers who don't want women to have the ability to control their reproductive lives. It's another of those cases where the worst effects fall on the working poor.

Through denial, disagreement and procrastination, the City of Eureka and County of Humboldt have backed themselves into a nasty corner in regard to the homeless people who have been camping in the Palco Marsh area. Every baby step they take thrusts them farther into a quagmire. But a major piece of the solution emerged last

"Each container will be divided into four rooms, each with a window and door with a lock. There will be electricity, two beds and some shelving."

week, seemingly overnight, from the private sector.

Betty Chinn is nationally known for practical help to those in need. But it was a huge surprise for her to announce an alliance with the Humboldt Coalition for Property Rights (HumCPR) to open a temporary camp that will house up to 40 people. HumCPR has not previously shown an interest in philanthropy, but this plan demonstrates an abiding principle of Libertarians, that government should leave charity to private organizations. It also provides an example of how much better the job can be done without the obstacles which bedevil government agencies.

The private sector can move immediately, because usually, only one person has to be convinced to take action. A site was needed, BAM – Mercer Fraser offered a parking lot in the Old Town area for six months for free. Shipping containers are

easily transformed into living accommodations, BAM – somebody got a good deal on some in the Bay Area. HumCPR fronted the purchase price and the first one arrived the same day as the press conference.

Each container will be divided into four rooms, each with a window and door with a lock. There will be electricity, two beds and some shelving. Local businesses, including McKinleyville's JLF Construction, are donating labor and materials for the retrofitting, which started within days. Pledges of free or deeply discounted products and services came in from Schmidbauer Lumber, O&M Industries, Bongio Construction and others.

Men, women and couples will be welcome, and vaccinated and licensed dogs will be permitted. The site will have portable toilets and trash bins. Betty Chinn's foundation will provide meals and round-the-clock staff.

There are plenty of cynics who suspect HumCPR is just looking for good publicity, but I'm not convinced that matters. Good deeds are good deeds, and the homeless are more in need of them than most people. Chinn has unlimited compassion, but when it comes to implementation, nothing beats cash.

Elizabeth Alves is glad to see some movement toward more equitable opportunities for everyone in our society. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.

Note: From now until the June 7 election, the Union will feature weekly responses from Third District supervisorial candidates on a range of questions about issues they'll have to deal with in office. The candidates have up to 200 words to address the questions; anything beyond that is replaced by an ellipsis. Otherwise, the responses are unedited. – Ed.

Do you favor protections for Timber Production Zones against cannabis cultivation?

Yes. It is important to make sure that Timber Production Zoned lands are protected and managed for timber growing and harvesting. Marijuana cultivation should not be tolerated where it conflicts with and endangers this priority. Larger, more controlled indoor grow facilities can and should be located out of the timber lands. Perhaps unused or underused industrial sites would be the better location.

I have been on record favoring the keep-it-small approach to commercial marijuana production. By doing so we can not only maintain a meaningful Humboldt "Happy Hippie" brand, but also allow more "mom

and pops" to benefit from income supplementation. I further believe that a direct channel to certified dispensaries would allow collection of taxes with minimal paper work.

Keep it small and simple. More cultivators would comply and more residents would benefit, and we would see less environmental damage related to uncontrolled cultivation.

Uri Driscoll
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❖ ASK THE CANDIDATES

URI DRISCOLL MIKE WILSON



from irresponsible cannabis cultivation, as well as from timber harvesting. I've also seen many good players and sustainable practices.

Timber Production Zone (TPZ) landowners receive property tax reductions in exchange for public benefits related to good land management practices that protect wildlife habitat, stream health and sustainable timber production.

In many areas where the County permitted the breakup of large TPZ holdings, cannabis

growing has flourished and a lot of environmental damage occurred. Roads are cut, streams diverted and wildlife is disrupted by ongoing human activities.

Now that the state and county have provided paths to compliance for cannabis cultivation, it is critical that environmental laws are enforced to prevent further damage to our watersheds.

We must also have protections from extensive cannabis conversion of our agricultural lands. We will need to limit the size and number of permits so that agricultural lands continue to support our thriving local food industries.

As your supervisor, I'll work hard to encourage Humboldt County's cannabis economy and culture transition in ways that protect our environment and community.

VoteMikeWilson.org

Kayakers to hold 4-day social

EXPLORE NORTH COAST
HUMBOLDT – Explore North Coast, Humboldt County’s sea kayaking club, will host its seventh annual four-day social, inviting kayakers from around the region and beyond, Thursday through Sunday, April 28 to May 1.

The purpose of the social is exactly what it sounds like: for kayakers to become acquainted with other sea kayakers and sea kayaking clubs from Northern California and beyond – to connect, learn and broaden the kayaking experience. Non-club members are welcomed to attend.

Hosted paddle locations will vary from flat-water paddling at Stone Lagoon to open ocean paddling at Trinidad and Crescent City. Specific details on paddle events can be found under the event calendar link at the club’s website, explorenorthcoast.net.

Each day will include from one to three hosted paddles. The first day, Thursday, kicks off with a flat-water paddle out to the

spit on Stone Lagoon, launching at 4 p.m. and having a potluck meal upon reaching the spit. (Note that personal flotation devices are required to be worn at all times, on all paddles.)

Friday’s through Sunday’s events will include exploring Trinidad, some open ocean paddling, a potluck barbecue, no-host dinner at the Seascape Restaurant, paddles at Crescent City and possibly Humboldt Bay or one of the local lagoons or sloughs.

Explore North Coast is an association of paddlers that holds regular paddling events, promotes paddling safety and education, and encourages stewardship of bay and coastal areas on the North Coast.

Club meetings occur every other month at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center. Meetings cover club business and paddling news, and include a lecture series with guest speakers who cover various topics. The public is always welcome to attend.

The group’s website offers a detailed, printable PDF with a map of the Humboldt



PADDLING IN PARADISE Kayakers will get together and enjoy Humboldt’s beauty next week, including Trinidad Bay, above. Visit explorenorthcoast.net for details.
PHOTO COURTESY EXPLORE HUMBOLDT

Bay area, as well as links to local and regional paddling resources, outdoor businesses, other paddling organizations and more. There is also a page from which to order the club’s paddle guide, *Sea Kayaking the Redwood Coast*, a full-color guide, complete with maps, that describes 35 routes in 19 locations, from the mouth of the Eel River to Crescent City.

For more information about this event, visit the website or contact Greg at gbdun-dros@suddenlink.net or (707) 839-3553.

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THEATRE REVIEW



HE'S JUST A SOUL WHOSE INTENTIONS ARE GOOD Joey Lawrence gives a four-de-force performance in *Bat Boy: The Musical*. It doesn't end well for him, and not for the cow, either. PHOTO COURTESY FERNDALE REP

Love your Bat Boy

Lauraine Leblanc & Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

FERNDALE – It's a work ridiculous in premise, Shakespearian in scope, and bloody good in execution. It's *Bat Boy: The Musical*, currently running at the Ferndale Repertory Theatre.

The musical is based on the wondrously disturbing character of Bat Boy, who was first revealed to the public in 1992 by the now-defunct *Weekly World News*, a widely circulated supermarket tabloid that focused on stories of the paranormal, supernatural and just plain weird. The tabloid was published from 1979 to 2007, then went belly up. It's since been resurrected as a website.

The tabloid's inkylicious black-and-white pages were filled with the kind of news that goes unreported by the mainstream media – earthquakes opening giant portals to hell, an extraterrestrial alien having an affair with Hillary Clinton, Saddam Hussein's secret arsenal of giant slingshots, and, of course, Elvis being alive and well.

But Bat Boy was undeniably the paper's greatest creation. His mischievous adventures were well documented by the tabloid – he led police on a high-speed chase, he once bit Santa Claus, and, in 2002, he was even enlisted in the War on Terror to fight evil doers in the mountains of Afghanistan.

The patriotic freak was tenacious and effective, attacking Al Qaeda and, as the *Weekly World News* reported “making hundreds of their best caves unlivable by pee-peeing in them.”

But in the musical, a more sensitive side of Bat Boy's character is revealed.

Part *Edward Scissorhands*, part *Hamlet*, the musical follows Bat Boy's journey into the human world, from his discovery living in a cave to his difficult integration into a small rural town. Ferndale, by the way, is an ideal place to tell this story, as it's a true cow town, and cows play an important part in the plot.

One of the wonders of *Bat Boy: The Musical* is Bat Boy himself, played with kinetic grace and incredible stamina by Joey Lawrence in his first musical lead. Lawrence is omnipresent – all over the stage, in the audience, jump-

BAT BOY ♦ B5

Shades of blue(grass) in Blue Lake

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

BLUE LAKE – Bluegrass is expanding its palette into all kinds of blue.

It's like going to the paint store to buy some blue paint and being confronted with hundreds of shades of blue, all with intriguing names and tones. Marine blue, Blue Heaven, blueberry bliss, forget-me-not blue – you get the picture.

Progressive bluegrass, newgrass, gospel bluegrass are just some of the new names attached to this uniquely American music.

Scratchdog Stringband describes its music as “uniquely Scratchdog, a new Americana/Rockgrass act.” They'll be playing the Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave. in Blue Lake, on Thursday, May 5 at 9 p.m. to celebrate their first CD release and to renew old friendships. Cover charge is \$5.

Logger Bar owner Kate Martin called them “a great example of the new generation of bluegrass.”

This Portland area band started when the self-described “three mutts” met on the streets of Arcata: James Rossi, Andrew De Rossett and Kim Kumada. Each had a different journey to make it to our town.

Rossi was playing music professionally in Portland, Maine, in two separate bands. “It was the end of the summer after a great season but I was getting antsy. My friends were doing the California trip so I got in the van with them and drove across the country.”

He was playing music on the street “to replenish my travel money” when he met De Rossett.

“Andrew was working as a civil engineer for the town



of Siskiyou,” Rossi explained. “He was taking himself on a two month busking sabbatical and he was on his way down to New Orleans.”

DeRossett did go to New Orleans while Rossi stayed in Arcata, playing “with a dozen Humboldt County bands.”

When DeRossett returned, the pair met their bass player, “Kimbo” Kumada, from Santa Cruz, through a mutual



THREE MUTTS WALK INTO A BAR ... and become the Scratchdog Stringband. Andrew De Rossett, James Rossi and Kim Kumada, above, bring their tour promoting their CD, *Three Times Fast*, below, to the Logger Bar in early May. PHOTO COURTESY SCRATCHDOG STRINGBAND

friend.

“We heard we could make a little money and survive off our music in Portland,” Rossi said. They moved up there and a little later Scratchdog was born.

Their influences are as different as all those shades of blue.

“Kimbo's musical influences are more popular – '90s pop rock. She's also played jazz and orchestral music. We're really grateful for her modern energy. Drew and I are stuck in the sixties and she keeps us fresh,” Rossi said.

The Scratchdogs are proud to present the results of a year's worth of touring and writing. The ingredients are “thumping upright bass, searing soaring fiddle, snare-drum rhythm guitar, as well as tenor banjo, harmonica, mandolin, and three very individual voices.”

Their first full-length album is titled *Three Times Fast*, and they are touring the West Coast for two weeks to show it off.

Scratchdog's friends, The Desert Kind, a duo featuring Chris Bigley and Elwood Johncox, are joining them on the tour.

Rossi described The Desert Kind as “a blend of Americana country and folk.”

However it's described, this music is truly American. The Scratchdog players are all “halves,” according to Rossi. “I'm half Sicilian, Drew is half Pit River Native American and Kimbo is half Japanese.”

It's a fitting description since traditional bluegrass is a melding of Appalachian music (itself a blend of Irish, Welsh, and other Celtic music) and the later addition of African American jazz elements. What could be more local?

Steve Hunter of the Bombs Away Café in Corvallis had this to say about Scratchdog: “If everyone who plays music brought this level of dedication and craftsmanship for the love of fun, all doubt that music could save the world would spontaneously evaporate and the world's military powers would bear no grudge as they danced enraptured on dance floor altars erected over the ruins of their de-funded death factories.”

Logger Bar owner Martin had a pithier comment.

“Come out and see the show!” she exclaimed.

ScratchdogStringband.com, TheDesertKind.com



AS REAL AS IT GETS The 5th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment Band out of Sacramento will perform this Saturday.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Gil Cline
HSU BRASS

FULKERSON RECITAL HALL – The 5th California Regiment Brass Quintet and the HSU 19th Century Brass Quintet perform Saturday, April 23 at 8 p.m. at Fulkerson Recital Hall on the HSU campus. The concert concludes with a cameo by the Humboldt Bay Brass Band.

It's a one-of-a kind concert featuring music both historic and fun. Much of the concert will be played on historic instruments; real deal, not reproduction, brass of the 19th century, including a tuba once owned by one of HSU's founders.

Guest performers are a quintet of brass principal players of the 5th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment Band out of Sacramento. This band has appeared with Civil War re-enactors, and recently had a repeat performance at Alcatraz Island as the 3rd US Artillery Band, posted in San Francisco in the 1800s. The quintet performs on period instruments and from original/facsimile

sheet music of the day.

Humboldt's current-semester brass project is a 19th Century Quintet. On tap with this group are a couple of important works of the period, by Ludwig Maurer and Victor Ewald. This music is “symphonic” in tones, and chamber music in setting. The HSU quintet also performs on historic instruments, from 1885, 1896, and circa 1900.

After intermission, both quintets will join forces, “mustering up” to play several ten-part brass works dating to 1854, found in collections at the Library of Congress.

Closing is a cameo with all musicians joined by Humboldt Bay Brass Band in a performance of *Sequoia Carnival March*, a delightful 1895 Humboldt County work composed for an important summer festival held in downtown Eureka. This one is part John Philip Sousa and part Scott Joplin – and we're planning on using piano, too!

Tickets are \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free for HSU students with ID from HSU Box Office, (707) 826-3928, or at the door.

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FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT Humboldt Literacy Project and the Eureka Main Library present Family Literacy Night **today, April 20** at 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Main Library, 1313 Third St. Children and their families are invited to join Mary Lawrence, award-winning teacher, while she spins tales of wonder, magic and surprise! Children are welcome to choose a free book, donated by Tin Can Mailman, at the end of the event. Family Literacy Night is brought to you by First 5 Humboldt, *humkids.org* and Humboldt Literacy Project. For more information about Humboldt Literacy Project, call (707) 445-3655 or visit *humlit.org*. To learn more about your local library and what it offers, call (707) 269-1910 or visit *humlib.org*.

JAM NITE AT THE FORKS Jimi Jeff and the Gypsy Band play the Forks, 38986 Hwy. 299, Willow Creek, **today, April 20** at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. (707) 496-6049

THE STONE AGE When Thursday takes over from Wednesday at midnight, KHSU 90.5 FM presents *The Stone Age*, one hour of electric music from the 1960s and '70s., the sounds of Canned Heat, Jimi Hendrix and Friends, The Allman Brothers Band, Henry Vestine and more. On Air since 2004 on public radio, *The Stone Age* presents transformational sound in a safe, clean atmosphere even though it is on so late at night.

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON The annual Blue Lake Museum Spring Salad Luncheon will be held at the Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Rd. in Blue Lake, on **Thursday, April 21** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy many salads, sweet breads and beans along with a raffle and opportunity drawing. A donation of \$6 is requested.

HUMBOLDT MADE BUYERS EXPO Sample Humboldt County's best at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **Thursday, April 21**, from 1 to 4 p.m. A small \$5 entry fee gets you tastes and samples of Humboldt Made products! The Compost Mountain Boys close out the night from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

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POETS AND WRITERS College of the Redwoods celebrates its spring semester *Poets and Writers* event on **Friday, April 22** at 7 p.m. in the new CR Humanities Building, Room 110. There will be a total of 14 readers, including students, staff and community mem-

bers. The event is free and open to the public. Booklets of all the accepted work will be for sale for \$3 per copy. Refreshments will also be available. The first place poem and the first place story will receive prizes of \$25 from sponsors Booklegger Books and Northtown Books. In addition, the poem or story that best bridges between cultures, genders, people group or species, as determined by the judges, will be awarded the Hobson Award of \$100. Presenters include Michael Bickford, Sierra Gale, Julie Hochfeld, Max Hosford, Thomas King, Lilia Mizer, Lilyán Navarro, Adelinea Nissen, Vanessa Pike-Vrtiak, Branson Schuetzle, Joe Shermis, Vernon Strength, Hailey Veltri Wohlwend and Amantha Wood. (707) 476-4370, *redwoods.edu/departments/english/poets&writers/index.htm*

BARN DANCE The Humboldt Folklife Society presents a barn dance and community social **Friday, April 22** starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Arcata Vets Hall, 1425 J St. Net proceeds benefit two great community-oriented nonprofits: the Humboldt Roller Derby and Humboldt Folklife Society. Lindsey Battle will be calling the dances, and she will be backed up by the glorious sounds of the Striped Pig Stringband. Everyone is welcome to this all-ages family event, regardless of dance experience – each dance will be taught then called. No partner is necessary – go by yourself, with a partner or with a group! Admission is \$7 to \$13 sliding scale/\$5 for students/free for kids under 12.

CLASSIC CAR COMMUNITY BREAKFAST The next Humboldt Grange #501 “Classic Car” Community Breakfast is **Saturday April 23** from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd. There will be pancakes, ham or sausage (patties or links), eggs fixed the way you like them, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea or juice. Milk and extra meat are also available for 50 cents extra. The cost is a donation of \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 10 and free for children under 6. To volunteer, call Kathy at (707) 498-0801.

MARSH BEERS Buy a beer, help the Marsh! Join Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) on **Saturday, April 23** for a Pints for Nonprofits afternoon at Redwood Curtain Brewing Company, 550 South G St., Arcata. One dollar from every beer sold between noon and 5 p.m. will support FOAM's community outreach and environmental education efforts, notably a new audiovisual system for the Interpretive Center. Live music, a chance drawing, and lots of fun are in store.

TRAIL & TUNES Find out all about the Annie & Mary Trail at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **Saturday, April 23**, at an info table from 1 to 4 p.m. and stick around for the funk/rock/blues stylings of The Rockiteers from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

GROW YOUR OWN Learn to grow your

own Shiitake mushrooms on hardwood logs, **Saturday, April 23** from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Dream Quest Demonstration Permaculture Garden, 100 Country Club Dr. in Willow Creek. Participants will learn the process of wood selection, mushroom species, inoculation techniques and the process of achieving successful mushroom fruiting. This easy method of mushroom cultivation is a great way to grow nutritious, protein-rich food for you and your family. Whether you are interested in backyard cultivation or market production, this introductory class will get you on your way. Participants will each take home their own log! Workshop fee is \$20; for more information and to register, visit *fungaiafarm.com*.

NATURE ART Celebrate Humboldt Green Week with a family-friendly art project. Collage and print using natural materials on **Saturday, April 23** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. This event is free.

PUNK & PROG AT THE ALIBI up-sidedowncross presents Blackplate (floodplain dirge punk) and Spacebag (party prog metal from Seattle) at The Alibi, 744 Ninth St. in Arcata, **Saturday, April 23** at 11 p.m. There is a \$5 cover for this 21 and over show.

SHOW 'N' SHINE Got a sweet ride? Polish that bad boy up and bring it on over to Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **Sunday, April 24**, from noon to 3 p.m. No entry fees, no fuss, just a good time for car lovers. Jenni & David and the Sweet Soul Band play from 1 to 3:30 pm.

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL JD Jeffries and Devin Paine play the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, on **Sunday, April 24** at 5 p.m.

DEMONS, SATAN EXPLORED Demons, exorcism, and the existence of the devil will be examined at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, April 24** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Is the Devil Real: An Exorcist Tells All,” features interviews with people who claim to have had encounters with demons, including a clergyman who has conducted many exorcisms — the removal of demonic spirits. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, *bobdipert@hotmail.com*

REEL PADDLING FILM FEST See the world's best paddling films on **Tuesday, April 26** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., films start at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10/\$8 for students and are available at HSU Center Activities, Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, Pacific Outfitters and Adventure's Edge. Door price is \$12/\$10 for students. Proceeds benefit the Center Activities Youth Aquatic Scholarship Fund.

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BAYSIDE GRANGE
BAYSIDE – Bring the family to Breakfast in Bayside on Sunday, April 24 between 8 a.m. and noon at the Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd. The gourmet breakfast features sourdough multigrain pancakes, chicken apple sausage, scrambled eggs, scrambled tofu, yogurt, fruit of the season, coffee, teas, milk, orange juice, hot chocolate and Mad River Farm jams and local sauces. This healthy breakfast fare combines with live music, the Electric Vehicle Show and lively conversation for an entertaining morning. There will also be mimosas available for purchase for those who are 21+ with ID.

In honor of Earth Day, the Bayside Grange and the Humboldt Electric Vehicle Association (HEVA) are proud to sponsor the annual Electric Vehicle Show in conjunction with this breakfast. Members of HEVA will be parking their electric cars, trucks, scooters, bicycles and tractors in front of the grange for your perusal. Local owners and enthusiasts will be on hand to discuss electric vehicles and share their knowledge. Learn about being “gasoline-free,” and reducing your carbon footprint, all while enjoying a great community breakfast at the Grange.

Breakfast in Bayside will feature music by Trombones @ 4 (T@4), a trombone quartet with occasional tuba. T@4 is George Epperson, Doug Hendricks and Phil Sams on trombone and Dick LaForge on bass trombone and tuba. T@4 has been playing locally as a quartet for more than 17 years; collectively, they have over 100 years of practicing, playing and performing. While the trombone quartet is a standard brass group, most of the musical literature was not originally written for this grouping. They have a wide range of styles and time periods, from Monteverdi to the Beatles. At the Grange, they will be playing mostly pop and jazz tunes that everyone knows, but some not heard so often.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$8 for a full portion and \$5 for smaller portions for kids 2 to 12 and seniors 65 to 80. Kids under 2 and seniors over 80 eat for free.

Join the Bayside Breakfast Club and receive six breakfasts for the price of five. Those who walk or ride a bicycle to the breakfast will be awarded a free serving of real maple syrup or organic blueberry syrup.

Breakfasts in Bayside help to generate funds towards the ongoing maintenance of the historic Bayside Grange Hall, a favorite venue for local nonprofit fundraisers, dances, workshops and wedding receptions. For information about the breakfast or to rent the hall or for more info, call (707)822-9998, email *admin@baysidegrange.org* or visit *baysidegrange.org*.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS AWARD

The Humboldt Arts Council (HAC) is accepting nominations for the 2016 Outstanding Contributions to the Arts Award until Friday, May 27. Each year, nominations are open to the public to insure that artists, arts organization, educators and community organizations and arts supporters from all over the county have an opportunity to be honored for their outstanding contributions to the arts in Humboldt and the cultural life of the North Coast. Categories include: Artist (a living Humboldt County artist active in the field of literature, visual arts, performing arts, folk arts, architecture, design or film); Arts in Education – separate Individual and Organization categories; Business (a business or corporation that has made a significant contribution to support arts/culture in Humboldt); Community (a Humboldt community organization or institution for an outstanding arts-based community program or project), and Individual (a living Humboldt individual who has made a significant impact on arts/culture in the county through philanthropy, leadership and/or direct involvement). Nominees will be recognized at the Celebration of the Arts Gala in September. Nomination can be made by letter to HAC at 636 F St., Eureka. *humboldtarts.org*

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20	THURSDAY, APRIL 21	FRIDAY, APRIL 22	SATURDAY, APRIL 23	SUNDAY, APRIL 24	MONDAY, APRIL 25	TUESDAY, APRIL 26
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	7 p.m. • Chronic Comedy	8 p.m. Keller Williams	8:30 p.m. Junior Toots etc.	9:30 p.m. Machinedrum	6 p.m. <i>Minions</i> (2015)	7 p.m. • Banff Mountain Film Fest	6:30 p.m. • Reel Paddling Film Fest
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake	9 p.m. Afrolicious	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Indigenous	9 p.m. Indigenous	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. Vintage Soul	9 p.m. • DJ Duo Pressure Anya	9 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	9 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9 p.m. A Bear's Choice	9 p.m. Comedy	9:30 p.m. The Velvet Touch	9:30 p.m. Diego's Umbrella	8 p.m. Naive Melodies		9 p.m. Fruition
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp			9 p.m. DubbaDubs	9 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. More Vibez	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata			7 p.m. Ultra Secret				7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			9 p.m. The Undercovers	9 p.m. • Disco Dance P-A-R-T-Y	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Kingfoot	6 p.m. • Compost Mountain Boys	6 p.m. Sand Fleas	6 p.m. Rockiteers	noon Show 'n' Shine		6 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. The Cahoots		8 p.m. The Yokels		6 p.m. • Open Bluegrass Jam	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. • Something Like Seduction	9 p.m. Comanche Joey		4 p.m. Silver Hammer 8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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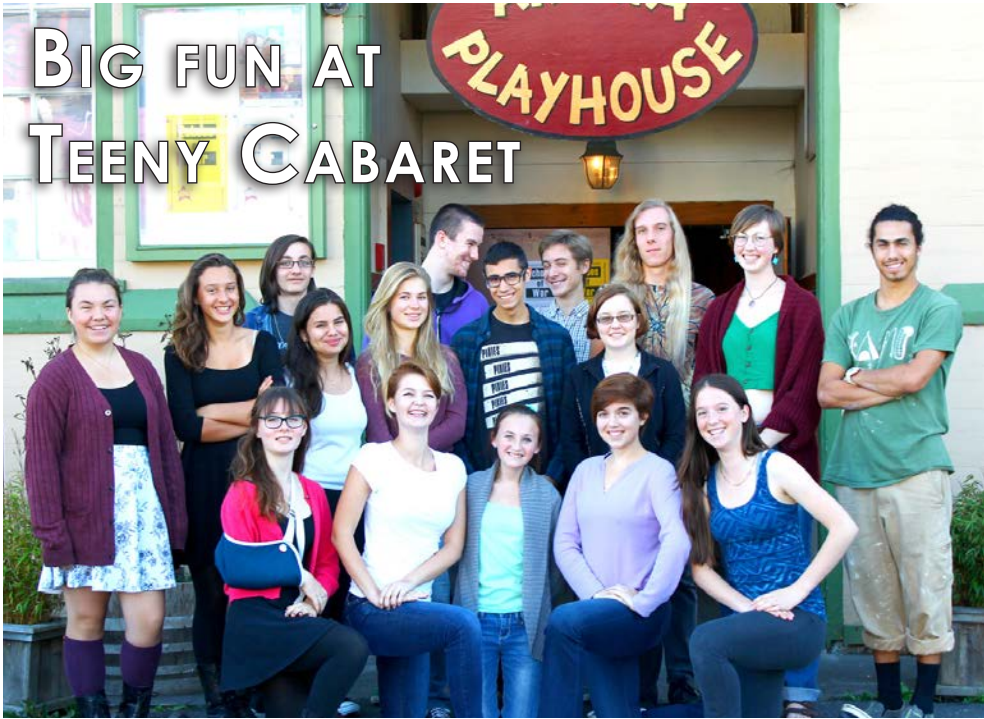
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TEENY CABARET The Arcata Playhouse teen group hosts a cabaret for all ages Saturday, April 23 at 8 p.m. at the Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata. Apprentice Entertainment is a group of local teens focused on the arts and producing events for community teens. Teeny Cabaret will include performances of all genres including poetry, music, and dance. Admission is by sliding scale of \$7 to \$15, priced for everyone. Doors will open at 7:30 and the show will start at 8. Come out to enjoy a night full of talent and support Humboldt teens. Tickets are available at the door or can be reserved by calling (707) 822-1575. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Improbable combo promises to astound

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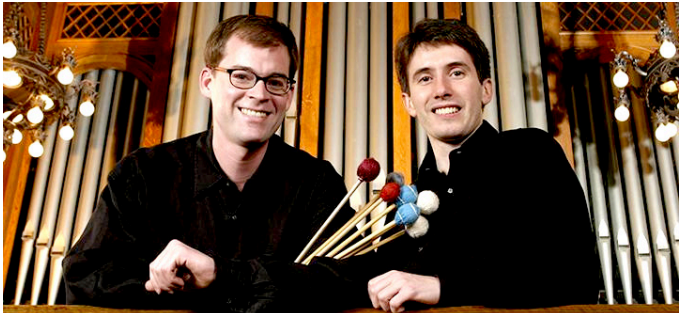
EUREKA – Pipe organ and percussion duo Organized Rhythm perform in concert at Christ Episcopal Church, 625 15th St., Eureka, on Sunday, April 24 at 4 p.m.

Since the fall of 2004, concert audiences across the United States have been brought to their feet by a pairing of musical personalities as improbable and winning as Organized Rhythm’s combination of the pipe organ and percussion.

British organist Clive Driskill-Smith, trained at Eton and Oxford, is wry and reserved until he lets loose an astonishing battery of effects at the pipe organ’s multiple keyboards.

He is complemented in Organized Rhythm by the athletic movement of Joseph Gramley, a physically towering Oregon native whose own crowd-pleasing solo concerts and work with Yo-Yo Ma’s Silk Road Ensemble have made him one of the leading multi-percussionists performing today.

The duo’s concert will include Aaron Copland’s stirring *Fanfare for the Common Man*, J.S. Bach’s popular *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*, Morton Gould’s *American Salute* and the duo’s own transcription of Gustav Holst’s *The Planets*, with the music being performed on the church’s 2,000-pipe Charles Kegg organ and a large battery of drums, marimba and unique percussion instruments from



ORGANIZED DUO Percussionist Joseph Gramley and organist Clive Driskill-Smith. PHOTO COURTESY GRINNELL COLLEGE

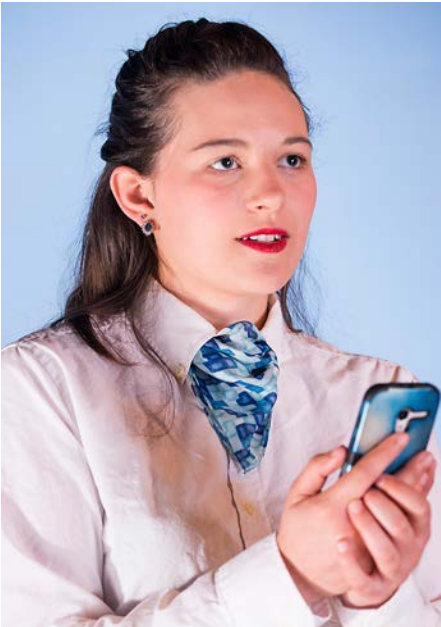
around the world. Both musicians will be in full view of the audience.

Admission is by suggested donation of \$15/\$5 for children 13 and under. A reception to meet the artists will follow the concert.

Off-street parking is available behind the church at the corner of 14th and G streets. The church is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Access without stairs is off of 15th Street (between H and G streets).

For more information about this musical event, contact Merry Phillips at (707) 445-0940 or merry@merryphilips.com, or visit christchurcheureka.org.organizedrhythm.com

Answer the call of ‘Dead Man’s Cell Phone’



WOULD YOU DO THAT? Stephanie Lemon plays Jean, who answers the dead man’s cell phone, setting off surprising revelations and further developments in a play opening this Friday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

HSU DEPT. OF THEATRE, FILM & DANCE

GIST HALL THEATRE – She doesn’t fall down the rabbit hole or through the looking glass. Instead, a young woman enters her self-made Wonderland by answering the cell phone of a strange man she soon realizes is dead.

That’s the beginning of *Dead Man’s*

Cell Phone, the imaginative comedy and surprising love story by famed American playwright Sarah Ruhl, which opens at Humboldt State this Friday, April 22 for two weekends.

Jean is sipping soup in a café when the cell phone at a nearby table keeps ringing, but the man sitting there won’t answer it. Jean confronts him but when he doesn’t respond, she answers it herself. By this time, she’s beginning to realize that the man is dead.

Answering that phone and looking into the dead man’s face begins a poignant, comic, open-hearted and eventually transcendent theatrical journey for Jean and everyone she meets as a result, including the dead man’s widow, his mother, his brother and his mistress.

But unlike Alice, Jean enters a Wonderland that she largely creates with her own continually surprising decisions.

“From the very beginning, this is a play of surprises. One surprise after another,” said director Michael Thomas. The characters’ behavior is sometimes so surprising that he believes the question audience members will be asking themselves is: “Would I do that?”

Among the surprises is an unlikely romance and lots of humor, some of it outrageous. “There are some very

funny moments,” Thomas said.

Other directors and observers have described this play as a contemporary fairy tale, a theatrical dream and a fable of the digital age. *Dead Man’s Cell Phone* received the 2008 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding New Play in the Washington DC area. Two of Sarah Ruhl’s other plays were Pulitzer Prize finalists, including *In the Next Room (The Vibrator Play)*, which was produced by Ferndale Repertory in 2012.

The HSU production features an all-student cast, with Stephanie Lemon as Jean. The other actors are Anthony DePage, Connie Hill, Madison Burgett-Feagin, Jesse Benefiel and Caitlin Hatfield.

Marissa Day is scenic designer, Isabella Cejas designed costumes, Camille Borrowdale the props, Delany McNeil the makeup, and Chris Joe the sound.

Dead Man’s Cell Phone runs Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, and Thursday through Saturday April 28 to 30 at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday May 1, in Gist Hall Theatre on the HSU campus. Tickets are \$10/\$8 for students and seniors, with a limited number of free tickets for HSU students at each performance, from the HSU Ticket Office, (707) 826-3928, or at the door.

HSUStage.blogspot.com.

A constellation of sound at the Morris Graves Museum

HSU COMPOSITION STUDIO

Students and faculty of the HSU Composition Studio give electro acoustic performances of original minimalist works as well as Terry Riley’s classic minimalist composition, *In C*, on Saturday, April 23 at 8 p.m. as part of the Constellation Series at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka.

At times, performers will be located in different parts of the museum while performing at the same time. Four of the pieces performed will be collaborative compositions written by everyone in the studio. Improvisation will be an important element of all of the pieces being given throughout the evening. The goal of each piece will be to spontaneously create a musical and electronic soundscape through the use of precomposed and improvised material.

Performers include:

- Ryan McGaughey, a local pianist, performing original compositions for piano and electronic sounds and experimenting with mixing the sounds of both the acoustic and digitally manipulated sounds of the piano.

- Sabrina Fisher, a sophomore at Humboldt State, who has been playing music since the age of 9, from school ensembles to jazz bands to a ska band in high school and now studies music composition and aspires to someday create film scores.

- Michael Barrett Donovan, a student of composition

and violin at HSU.

- Sandee Castemeda, a music and psychology major at HSU, who plans to attend the Seattle Film Institute to study Film Scoring as well as continue in the field of quantitative psychology.

- Kenneth Bozanich, who is in his last semester as an HSU Composition Major and will be holding his senior recital on May 12 at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall.

- Kyle McInnis, who is in his final semester as a composition student at HSU and can be heard performing around town with his group Business Casual.

- Aidan Sanborn-Petterson, who began experimenting on his own with digital composition in his teenage years and is now studying orchestral composition and arrangement at HSU, while staying comfortably rooted in his electronic composition.

- Brian Post, who has been teaching composition classes at HSU since the fall of 1998.

Admission is \$5 for this all-ages concert.

The Constellation Music Series supports innovative and experimental ideas in music and is curated by Benjamin Funke and Programming Assistant Matt Goldberg in partnership with the Morris Graves Museum of Art. If you’re interested in sponsoring this innovative new series, contact Janine Murphy, programs manager for the Morris Graves, at janine@humboldtarts.org.



SPAGHETTI WESTERN Synapsis presents a Spaghetti Western themed fundraiser featuring Opossum Sun Trail, Mister Moonbeam, Belles of the Levee, visuals by Ratrace plus aerial dancing, spaghetti feed and a dance floor on Friday, April 22, at Synapsis, 47 West Third St in Eureka. Opossum Sun Trail is an American primitive country experimental band from Arcata featuring members of Moon Pine, White Manna and Motherload. Mister Moonbeam is a one man band from planet earth. Belles of the Levee, above, are a close harmony jazz/blues duo specializing in the revival of forgotten musical gems of the 1920s and ’30s. Ratrace is a radio DJ on KHSU 90.5 FM Tuesdays from 10 p.m. to midnight as part of Los Ensemble Economique. Synapsis is a collective that organizes aerial, yoga, and dance classes, cabarets, showings of new works and collaborative projects, from festivals to puppet-making to cooking. Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 - \$10 sliding scale and is all ages. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Medea in exile

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Dell’Arte International School of Physical Theatre graduate students present an original contemporary tragedy, *Queen of the Sons of Exile*, inspired by the Greek tragedy *Medea*, at the Carlo Theatre from April 21 to 24.

What happens when the scales begin to tip, and love turns to rage?

The ancient Greek tragedy *Medea* is a powerful dramatic journey into the consequences of betrayed love. When Medea’s husband Jason leaves her for another woman, Medea is possessed by the will to revenge, an obsession that ultimately leads her to a terrible act of violence.

In this highly physical re-imagining of *Medea* by Dell’Arte’s second-year ensemble, Medea is a betrayed woman and mother without a homeland, alone in a foreign country and threatened with exile. Abandoned by her husband, without political power or a voice in her own and her children’s destiny, this is a Medea who resonates strongly for our time, when waves of refugees displaced by war are met with inhumanity and violence at the hands of powerful nations.

In this culmination of their second year of studies and performances at

Dell’Arte, twelve actor-creators from Korea, Denmark, Sweden, Greece, Zimbabwe, India and the U.S. come together as an ensemble in the heightened and harrowing physical dimension of tragedy. The performance features a 10-person chorus, an uncanny, deeply affecting physical-vocal phenomenon rarely seen on contemporary stages. The role of Medea will be shared on alternate nights by Korean actress Jeeseun Choi and Danish actress Anne Kjaer-Waehrens.

Queen of the Sons of Exile runs this Thursday through Sunday, April 21 to 24 at 8 p.m. in Dell’Arte’s Carlo Theatre, 131 H St. in Blue Lake.

Performances are all pay-what-you-can, with reservations highly encouraged. For tickets, call (707) 668-5663 ext. 120, visit Dell’Arte’s Box office or go to dellarte.com.

On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick

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HONOREES Cristina Bauss and Dylan McClure. SUBMITTED PHOTO

HUMBOLDT STATE
ARCATA – Humboldt State University announced its Outstanding Students 2016-2017 at award ceremonies on April 14.

Geography major Cristina Bauss was recognized for her accomplishments and her commitment to the discipline of Geography. At the 69th annual meeting of the California Geographic Society, the research she presented earned her first place in the Joe Beaton Poster Award Competition. In 2015, Bauss was one of only a handful of undergraduates across the country to participate in the National Geographic Geography Intern Program. She is also the only HSU student to be inducted as a member of the prestigious Gamma Theta Upsilon, the International Honor Society in Geography.

The recipient of numerous HSU scholarships, Bauss is researching the environmental impacts of illegal marijuana cultivation in Humboldt. Academics aside, she mentors other students, assisting them with their research, and is gracious in her feedback.

Dylan McClure is a Social Work graduate student and an intern for the Health Education Department. Described as highly intelligent, open-minded, and a creative thinker, McClure was recognized for his dedication to causes that are significant to the campus community's health and well-being.

An advocate for transgender rights and inclusivity, he created a comprehensive resource guide for trans and gender nonconforming students and worked with Information Technology Services to make institutional changes, which allow students to use a preferred name in HSU's student registration software. He created and led a weekly group for transgender students who have experienced discrimination. Plus, he has been working with faculty on the use of appropriate language about gender and gender identity for the campus-wide food and housing insecurity survey.

McClure now serves on the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee and leads conversations about community accountability and healthy masculinity. In addition, he is a guiding force of a nascent educational campaign, Humboldt Haze, which works to expose misconceptions around alcohol and other drugs. He mentors other student leaders and activists, and through his passion for activism, inspires others to get involved.

For a complete list of all honorees, visit now.humboldt.edu.

Got too much art and artifacts cluttering up your home?

The Sundberg ladies – Joy, Lisa and Rose – are planning “High Tea by the Sea 2016” for Saturday, April 23 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Sunset Restaurant, Cher-Ae Heights, 2 Scenic Dr. in Trinidad.

The theme is “Generations” with grandmothers, mothers, daughters and granddaughters all invited to join in the fun of dressing up by bringing out your hats, gloves, and girdles. Dainty and delectable tea sandwiches and pastries will be served along with a selection of teas.

The event is a benefit for the Sumeg Village Brush Dance. A donation of \$25 is suggested. For information or reservations, call Lisa at (951) 833-8888.

Member Show at Westhaven Center for the Arts

Ann Anderson reminds local artists wanting to submit one to three art works for the Annual Membership show to open in May that their works are due at Westhaven Cwenter for the Arts (WCA), 501 South Westhaven Dr., by Tuesday, April 26. Art works in all media may be brought to the gallery between 2 and 5 p.m. The entry fee is \$5 per item. If you are not yet a WCA member, you can join that day at \$40 per year. Call (707) 677-0128 for information.

Trinidad Chamber Annual Meeting and Dinner

Brett Shuler Fine Catering will be preparing a delicious dinner for the annual Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce dinner on Thursday, April 28 starting at 5:30 p.m. in Trinidad Town Hall. Meet new executive director Ashley Mobley and find out from President Angie Harder and members of the Chamber Board what is new in 2016 for the annual Fish Festival set for Fathers Day, June 19. Admission is \$20 per person. For reservations or information about the dinner, chamber activities or volunteering at the Fish Festival, email ashleymobley@trinidadcalif.com or leave a message at chamber voice mail, (707) 677-1610.

Sunday afternoon at Lighthouse Grill

The regular Sunday 5 to 7 p.m. live music series at Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Plaza continues on April 24 when JD Jeffries and Devin Paine perform classic and original folk, blues, rock, country, Motown and bluegrass tunes.

Too many art works in your home?

Julie Fulkerson, Alex Stillman, Kelly Livingston, Robin Hashem, Heidi Benzonelli and Joyce Hough are organiz-

ing an event to benefit the Jefferson Neighborhood Project, to take place at the ArtUP silent auction during Eureka's Arts Alive! on Saturday, May 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. The team will collect the art or artifacts crowding your attic, basement or garage and the sale funds will go to helping kids and families. The Jefferson Neighborhood Project helps children, youth, and families day and night. Email Julie at juliefulkerson@mac.com and find out more. To drop off items, email Alexnacv@gmail.com.

'Courting Disaster' coming to Town Hall

Born in a Trunk will present melodrama *Courting Disaster*, written and directed by John Meyers, on May 21 at 7 p.m. and May 22 at 2 p.m., Trinidad Town Hall.

The comedy is a production of Trinidad Museum Society and the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust.

Some familiar thespians are in the cast: Keven Harder, Jayne Bauer, Greta Daniels, Alison Silver and Jim Willits, with newcomers David Pryor, Will Hardwick and Julia Hjerpe as “Miss Prettybottom” adding to the considerable fun of the play. Watch for ticket information. Call (707) 677-3816 for information.

North Coast Junior Lifeguards this summer

Junior Lifeguards is an active program run by California State Parks Lifeguards that emphasizes teamwork, ocean safety, education and fun. Park Ranger and Lifeguard Coordinator Keven Harder is coordinating a three-week program from July 11 through July 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at Moonstone Beach. The program is for young people ages 9 to 15. Contact Keven at (707) 845-6171 or Keven.Harder@parks.ca.gov to find out more.

Laura Scott joins Trinidad Planning Commission

City resident and Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department member Laura Scott was appointed to the Trinidad Planning Commission at last week's City Council meeting. Congratulations and many thanks from a grateful community. The job of being a planning commissioner is a big responsibility, but a rewarding one. The updated general plan is under review and she'll take on the hours of reading and research it takes to understand that process. Five fine citizens applied for the position. Mayor Dwight Miller thanked all of them for being willing to serve.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

WASCALLY WABBITS & CUTE KITTENS Humboldt Pet Supply in collaboration with Companion Animal Foundation is proud to host the infamous Quack and Wabbit Puppet Theatre on Sunday, April 24 at 1 p.m. at Humboldt Pet Supply, 145 G St., south of Samoa Boulevard in Arcata. Performers Yumi Ozaki and Tanya Crowley, right with some of their creations, will teach responsible pet care to children in a fabulously fun and educational way at this free event sponsored by Companion Animal Foundation, who will also be offering hands-on education about bottle feeding kittens. humboldtpetsupply.com

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- Support
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- Sharpen
- Spinal shock absorber
- Utmost
- Fiat or Audi
- Moses' portrayer in film
- Clark's sweetheart
- Actress Charlotte
- Misrepresented
- Horizontal beam
- Ram
- Apt
- Old name of Tokyo
- Censors
- Mother
- Capital city
- Suffix for Bengal or Peking
- Skier's milieu
- Mezzanine sections
- Boxer and Hatch
- Rat
- Pull
- Intertwine
- Someone with La Toya on his family tree
- Make eyes at
- Waken
- Madre's sisters
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- Come in
- Donation
- Sun and moon
- Acts
- Cereal grasses

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Kaiser

Volunteers at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter have a special relationship with the dogs and cats that reside there. Employees at the shelter work so hard with cleaning, feeding and all the other maintenance of 60+ animals that they don't have a lot of time to walk or play with the shelter residents. But the volunteers are there on their own time, with lots of love to give to the dogs and cats.

As a result, they really get to know the pets in a special way. We volunteers know who's playful and who likes to cuddle, which dogs are easy to walk and which cat likes the other cats.

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Get to really know a dog before adopting

a difference! No one is at their best after being sent to their room for 23 hours a day, and the shelter dogs are no exception. It's so hard for us to watch people go down the kennel row and reject the dogs who are excited in their kennels.

As mentioned before, the dogs love the chance to get into the play yard with one of their dog friends and romp for as long as they can. That alone leaves the dogs so much calmer and more relaxed. We wish that all potential adopters would come to the shelter with enough time to meet the dogs outside and give them a chance to burn off a little pent-up energy before deciding if they are possible as new family members.

Interested adopters can always send us a message on the Humboldt County Animal Shelter Facebook page if you'd like to have a volunteer give some suggestions as to a dog that might be a good fit for your home situation or even if you would like one of us

to meet you on a weekend. The shelter is closed on the weekends, but volunteers can provide a limited number of appointments for the purpose of meeting particular dogs with assistance from Redwood Pals Rescue. Our Facebook page also has lots of photos and stories of the shelter dogs and cats!

The shelter has quite a variety of dogs right now. Almost all of the dogs that have been unclaimed by their owners have been passing their temperament testing and are available as adoptable dogs. They range from little (now) Mastiff mix puppies to our longest resident Winwin, a senior dog, with dogs of all sizes and shapes in between.

We have two Dutch Shepherd mix dogs that have recently become available. Kaiser is a medium-sized male, about 5 years old. He is a pleasure to walk, loves to play fetch and knows

several basic commands. He is very responsive and would be a fun dog to teach some new tricks. He has short hair and is a beautiful brindled copper color.

Shasta is a young female, a little under a year. She loves to play with other dogs or snuggle in to be petted. She came to the shelter without any obvious leash training, but is getting better every day. She is a smart young dog and should be easy to train.

Both these dogs are very happy to see the volunteers each day. It is easy to picture them welcoming their new families back home at the end of the work or school day!

Like all the adoptable shelter dogs, these two are spayed and neutered, current on vaccinations and microchipped. Come see them at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville or call (707) 840-9132 for more information.

Redwood Pals Rescue is also available to give information on any of these dogs or our any dogs in their rescue. Please call (707) 839-9692 or email redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com for more information.

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DOG PARK TALK Learn about efforts to create a dog park in Arcata on **Friday, April 22**. Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free public lecture by Lynnette Chen, a member of the Arcata Dog Park Working Group (*arcata-dogpark.com*). The talk will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Marsh Interpretative Center, 569 South G St., Arcata. Chen, a Humboldt State business professor, has lived in Marsh Commons adjoining the Arcata Marsh since 2000 and picks up dog poop at the Marsh twice a day. For more information, or to guarantee a seat, call (707) 826-2359.

AUDUBON MARSH TOUR Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, April 23**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Samantha Bacon in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, April 23** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Katy Allen at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the plants and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

BUY A BEER, HELP THE MARSH! Join Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) on **Saturday, April 23** for a Pints for Nonprofits afternoon at Redwood Curtain Brewing Company, 550 South G St., Arcata. One dollar from every beer sold between noon and 5 p.m. will support FOAM's community outreach and environmental education efforts, notably a new audiovisual system for the Interpretive Center. Live music, a chance drawing and lots of

fun are in store.

SIERRA CLUB HIKE The North Group Sierra Club invites the public to a hike in the Smith River National Recreational Area and Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park on **Sunday, April 24**. Carpools meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Hiouchi Ranger Station (Highway 199 opposite the Jedediah Smith Campground entrance.) From the trailhead off South Fork Road, there will be a climb past a succession of botanical communities and stunning views. Nearing 2,000 feet, the trail levels and gradually descends through broken prairies to enter old growth redwoods as the hike nears Howland Hill Road, where the shuttled cars await. This is a 10-mile hike with some elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots. No dogs. By reservation only; contact leader Melinda at (707) 668-4275 or *mgroomster@gmail.com*.

BIKE COMMUTERS MEET The next regular meeting of the Humboldt Bay Bicycle Commuters Association is **Monday, April 25** at 6 p.m. at Carmela's Mexican Restaurant, 13th and G streets in Arcata. Dinner (optional) is at 6 p.m. Agenda items may be suggested at *info@humbike.org* or (707) 445-1097.

SLOW SPEED MARSH TOUR On **Tuesday, April 26** at 2 p.m., Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour for those who love the Marsh and want to enjoy seeing it at a slower pace than regular Saturday tours. The tour will last 90 minutes across even, level ground and is suitable to attendees of all ages who want to learn and like camaraderie. Meet leaders John DeMartini and Jane Wilson at the first parking lot on South I Street in from Samoa Boulevard. This tour is held the last Tuesday of each month, come rain, shine, or wind. (707) 826-2359

Whale protection bill advances

Crabbers would clean up lost gear that threaten leviathan

OFFICE OF SEN. MIKE MCGUIRE

SACRAMENTO – On April 12, Senator Mike McGuire's bill that would protect California's beloved whale populations from dangerous entanglements resulting from lost or abandoned crab fishing gear received unanimous approval in the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

The Whale Protection & Crab Gear Retrieval Act, which was proactively initiated by California's Dungeness crab fishermen, would create a regulatory program with incentives for fishermen to retrieve Dungeness crab fishing gear that would otherwise be lost in the ocean.

It's estimated that thousands of pots are lost every season and these pieces of gear could have hundreds of feet of rope attached to a locator buoy.

The lost gear has created marine debris and entanglement hazards for whales and other marine life, along with others in the crab and salmon fleets.

"In 2015, 61 whales were reported entangled off the West Coast, 57 in California alone," Senator McGuire said. "Humpbacks were the main species impacted. This is the highest total since the National Marine Fisheries Service started keeping records which started in 1982."

"In light of these alarming developments," he added, "we are working with the thousands of hard working men and women of California's Dungeness crab fleet and environmental organizations from across the state to bring forward a lost fishing gear recovery program."

Crab fishermen have taken the lead on this issue; many are already taking part in a limited basis pilot project that was initiated two years ago. Approximately 1,500 lost crab pots have been collected in that program. SB 1287 will build upon the successful pilot project by advancing a statewide solution to the growing problem.

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Dungeness Crab Task Force, SB 1287 will call on the Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish a retrieval program. One hundred percent of the program will be paid for by industry related fees, not the taxpayers. Dungeness crab fishermen, who obtain a retrieval permit through this program, will collect old crab traps after the crab season has closed each year. Those fishermen will be paid a recovery bounty for each trap retrieved from the ocean.

The bill also establishes a fee to be paid by the fishing boat that lost or abandoned the crab trap(s). Crab fishermen who refuse to buy back their lost or abandoned crab trap(s) will not be able to get their vessel permit the next season.

The creation of a self-perpetuating program to recover fishing gear is a necessary action of the commercial Dungeness crab fishing industry to continue operating as a responsible, sustainable fishery.

"The Dungeness crab fishery is in the top tier of California's commercial seafood catch and the entire industry has weathered a challenging few years, including the historic delay of this year's Dungeness crab season," McGuire said. "This gear retrieval program will be a great step forward in cleaning up our oceans and making a safer environment for the people who work the Pacific for their living and the whales and marine life who call the ocean home."

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